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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above identified application, which is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 10, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 02032006), in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This Request and Preliminary Amendment is timely filed with a concurrent Request for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee.

The present Amendment and Response is further accompanied by the submission of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Paul Polakis, with attached Exhibits A and B. Also filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement providing copies of additional articles and abstracts in support of Applicants' arguments. Applicants note that some of the references listed in the Information Disclosure Statement are provided in the form of full-text articles, while others are provided as abstracts. Applicants submit that the full-text articles are provided solely because they are available to Applicants. Applicants do not intend to make any distinction

among the references, or to indicate that some references in the IDS are more pertinent or material than others. Applicants respectfully request that the information listed in the Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.